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Ms. Tracy B. Calabrese
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Dear Ms. Calabrese:

You ask this office to partially reconsider our ruling in Open Records Letter No. 97-2821 (1997). Your request for reconsideration was assigned ID# 114039.

The City of Houston (the "city") received a request for all invoices received for charges related to work performed on the "Ed Blume" lawsuit, which involves the redrawing of city council district lines. In Open Records Letter No. 97-2821 (1997), this office concluded that the city could withhold certain marked portions of attorney fee bills under section 552.107(1) of the Government Code.

In your request for reconsideration, you assert that certain information that we determined could not be withheld under section 552.107(1) "reveals attorney advice and client confidences about the City's litigation strategy." We have reviewed the information you wish to withhold and your arguments under section 552.107(1). We agree that the information you have highlighted in blue may be withheld under section 552.107(1). Open Records Letter No. 97-2821 (1997) is overruled to the extent it conflicts with this conclusion.

If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Loretta R. DeHay", is written over the typed name.

Loretta R. DeHay
Deputy Chief
Open Records Division

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Ref.: ID# 114039

Enclosures: Marked documents

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